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MEMORANDUM FOR Commanders, MEDCOM Major Subordinate Commands

SUBJECT: Electronic Medical Record (EMR) Summit

1. I remain fully committed to the great work you are doing in our deployment, use and enhancements of our Electronic Medical Record, and I want to share a brief update with you on what has taken place since our EMR Summit of March 2005.
2. The AMEDD continues to lead the way in deployment of CHCS II, with more than 60% of our medical treatment facilities fully operational and many of our largest hospitals currently in training. The Army's utilization of CHCS II is leading the MHS with nearly 30,000 patient encounters completed daily. Thanks to your leadership, our "no show rates" in training are the envy of the other Services as is our return to productivity following training. The Clinical Information Technology Program Officer will host an event this month recognizing the AMEDD's achievements in fully and effectively integrating CHCS II into the delivery of healthcare for our Soldiers and their families.
3. Substantial achievements have been made in integrating the many innovative features of our interim systems and enhancing existing functions in CHCS II: an Individual Medical Readiness module will begin fielding in October, the Automated Clinical Practice Guidelines functionalities are under development and will be available next summer, and equipment is being purchased to allow remote access to CHCS II. On the horizon will be the development and fielding of a Post-Deployment Health Readiness Assessment feature and a host of additional enhancements, to include electronic signature, obstetric flow sheets, drawing tool and AIMS Form improvements.
4. At our next EMR Summit at Fort Detrick in early November we will follow-up on all the areas we identified as critical to achieve a truly effective and comprehensive EMR – with special focus on bringing theater and garrison healthcare into a fully integrated EMR. I look forward to even greater achievements at our Summit in November and, again, my thanks for making CHCS II a success.


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